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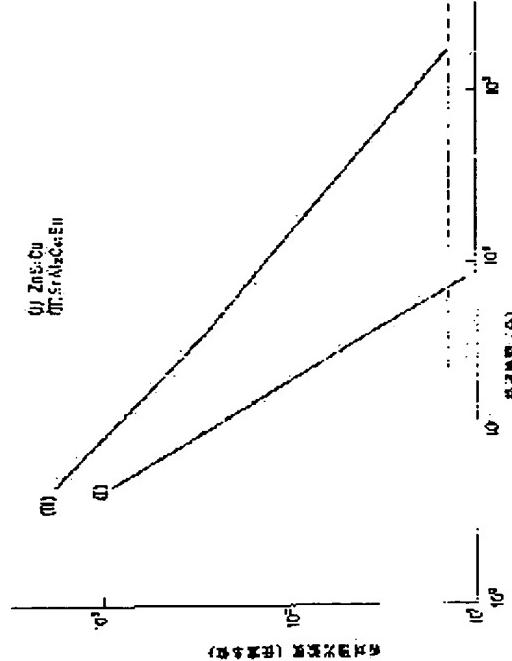
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(54) LUMINOUS FLUORESCENT SUBSTANCE

(57)Abstract:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a luminous fluorescent substance having a long-time afterglow characteristic and also being chemically stable, and excellent in long-term lightfastness.

SOLUTION: This luminous fluorescent substance features comprising a compound represented by the formula: MAl_2O_4 (wherein M is at least one of metallic elements selected from the group consisting of calcium, strontium and barium) in a state of host crystal, and being mixed with europium as an activator in an amount of 0.001-10 mol% based on the quantity of a metallic element represented by M and with at least one of elements selected from the group consisting of manganese, tin and bismuth as a coactivator in an amount of 0.001-10 mol% based on the quantity of a metallic element represented by M.



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CLAIMS

[Claim(s)]

[Claim 1] MAI 2O4 With the compound expressed, M The compound which consists of at least one or more metallic elements chosen from the group which consists of calcium, strontium, and barium is made a mother crystal. It adds 10% or less more than 0.001 % by mol % to the metallic element which expresses a europium with M to this as an activator. Furthermore, phosphorescent materials characterized by adding at least one or more elements of a group which consist of manganese, tin, and bismuths as a coactivator 10% or less more than 0.001 % by mol % to the metallic element expressed with M.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[Detailed Description of the Invention]

[0001]

[Industrial Application] This invention relates to the new phosphorescent materials which have the decay characteristic of long duration extremely while it is excellent in lightfastness mainly available as an object for the Nighttime display out of phosphorescent materials, especially indoor.

[0002]

[Description of the Prior Art] Promptly, if the afterglow time amount of a fluorescent substance is very short and an external stimulus is generally stopped, although decreased, even after stimulating the luminescence by ultraviolet rays etc. rarely and it stops the stimulus, it has some in which afterglow is accepted over remarkable long duration (several 10 minutes - several hours) with the naked eye, and is calling these phosphorescent materials or a phosphor in distinction from the usual fluorescent substance.

[0003] As these phosphorescent materials, although sulfide fluorescent substances, such as Ca:S:Bi (purple/blue color luminescence), Ce:Sr:S:Bi (blue luminescence), Zn:S:Cu (green luminescence), and ZnCd:S:Cu (yellow - orange luminescence), are known, there are many troubles in respect of [- any of these sulfide fluorescent substances are chemically unstable, or inferior to lightfastness -] practical use. If especially moisture existed, in order that might photodissociate by ultraviolet rays, and it might be discolored in black or the zinc sulfide system phosphorescent materials (Zn:S:Cu) used chiefly in a current commercial scene might also carry out a brightness fall, use for an application which is put outdoors to direct daylight is difficult, and the applications, such as a watch with a luminous dial and the refuge leading sign and indoor Nighttime display, were limited.

[0004] Moreover, even if it was the case where this zinc sulfide system fluorescent substance was used for a watch with a luminous dial, the afterglow time amount which can recognize that time of day with the naked eye was about 2 hours from about 30 minutes, and the present condition was using the luminous paint of the self-luminescence which adds the radioactive substance to a fluorescent substance, stimulates with that energy practical, and always emits light.

[0005]

[Problem(s) to be Solved by the Invention] Then, in view of the present condition like the above-mentioned, this invention person has the decay characteristic of long duration far compared with a commercial sulfide system fluorescent substance, and it is still more chemically stable and he used to aim at off of the phosphorescent materials which are excellent in lightfastness over a long period of time.

[0006]

[Means for Solving the Problem] Its attention is paid to the aluminate of the alkaline earth metal which carried out activation of the europium etc. as a completely different new phosphorescent-materials ingredient from the sulfide system fluorescent substance known from the former. As a result of conducting various experiments, this phosphorescent-materials ingredient has the decay characteristic of long duration far compared with a commercial sulfide system fluorescent

eye all over drawing, it is this SrAl 204. : It is presumed [that that luminescence can be recognized also after / of the decay characteristic of Eu fluorescent substance / about 24 hours, and]. This SrAl 204 that actually passed after the stimulus for 15 hours : When Eu fluorescent substance was observed with the naked eye, that afterglow was fully able to be checked.

[0013] moreover, sample 1- in Table 2 — (1) **** — the relative value to the reinforcement of Zn:S:Cu phosphorescent materials showed the afterglow reinforcement of after [a stimulus halt] 10 minutes, 30 minutes, and 100 minutes after. SrAl 204 by this invention from this table : The afterglow brightness of Eu fluorescent substance is 2.9 of Zn:S:Cu phosphorescent materials after 10 minutes. It is twice and it turns out after 100 minutes that they are 17 times. SrAl 204 furthermore according to this invention : The result of having investigated the thermoluminescence property (glow curve) from the room temperature at the time of carrying out the luminous stimulus of the Eu fluorescent substance to 250 degrees C using the TLD reader (KYOKKO TLD-2000 system) was shown in drawing 4. The thermoluminescence of drawing to this fluorescent substance consists of three glow peaks, about 40 degrees C, 90 degrees C, and 130 degrees C, and it turns out that about 130-degree C peak is the Maine glow peak. SrAl 204 according to this invention in the light of the Maine glow peak of the Zn:S:Cu phosphorescent materials shown with the broken line in drawing being about 40 degrees C : The deep trapping level equivalent to the elevated temperature 50 degrees C or more of Eu fluorescent substance enlarges the time constant of afterglow, and is considered to have contributed to the light storage property covering long duration.

[0014] Sample 1-(2) - (7) SrAl 204 of a compounding ratio expressed in Table 1 to which the concentration of a europium was changed by the approach as the above-mentioned that next it is the same : Eu fluorescent substance sample (sample 1-(2) - (7)) was adjusted.

[0015]

[Table 1]

試験番号	組成割合		
	試験例(2)99%	7%Bi	29%Eu
(1)	0.33958 ± 5	1.0	0.00016 ± 1
(2)	0.3395	1.0	0.00005
(3)	0.195	1.0	0.0025
(5)	0.37	1.0	0.013
(6)	0.80	1.0	0.05
(7)	0.80	1.0	0.1

[0016] This sample 1-(2) - (7) It is the result of having investigated the decay characteristic 1- (1) With the result of having investigated the decay characteristic, it was shown all over Table 2. This table 2 shows excellent Zn:S:Cu phosphorescent materials in the decay characteristic including the brightness of 10 minutes after it is the range whose addition of Eu is 0.0025-0.05 mol. When the addition of Eu is merely 0.00001 mol, or even if it is the case where it is 0.1 mol, when 30 minutes or more pass after a stimulus halt also shows coming to have larger brightness than Zn:S:Cu phosphorescent materials.

[0017] Moreover, since Eu is expensive, when the fall of economical efficiency and the decay characteristic by concentration quenching is taken into consideration, there will be no semantics in carrying out Eu more than 0.1 mol (ten⁻³mol) not much. On the contrary, since larger brightness than Zn:S:Cu phosphorescent materials is obtained when 30 minutes or more pass after a stimulus halt although Eu is inferior to Zn:S:Cu phosphorescent materials by after [10 minutes] brightness with brightness from 0.00001 (0.001-mol %) to 0.00005 mol (0.005-mol %), judging from the decay characteristic, the addition effectiveness of Eu used as an activator is clear.

substance. Even if it is chemically stable from being an oxide system, and it can check excellingly in lightfastness, the conventional trouble can be solved entirely and it does not contain activity, furthermore, as the luminous paint in which a check by looking during 1 evening is possible, or a pigment It becomes clear that it becomes possible to offer the phosphorescent materials of long afterglow applicable to various applications.

[0007] As phosphorescent materials which were mentioned above, a thing according to claim 1 MAI 204 With the compound expressed, M the compound which consists of at least one or more metallic elements chosen from the group which consists of calcium, strontium, and barium is made a mother crystal. It adds 10% or less more than 0.001 % by mol % to the metallic element which expresses a europium with M to this as an activator. Furthermore, it is characterized by adding at least one or more elements of a group which consist of manganese, tin, and bismuths as a coactivator 10% or less more than 0.001 % by mol % to the metallic element expressed with M.

[0008] Moreover, composition of these phosphorescent materials is faced and it is boric acid as flux. It can add in 1 - 10% of the weight of the range. The flux effectiveness is lost here as an addition is 1 or less % of the weight, if 10 % of the weight is exceeded, it will solidify, and subsequent grinding and classification become difficult.

[0009] [Example] The following and MAI 204 Sequential explanation of the example of this invention expressed is given about the case where various the classes and concentration of the concentration of the class of metallic element (M) and the europium as an activator or a coactivator are changed. Although strontium is first used as a metallic element (M) and a europium is used as an activator, the phosphorescent materials when not using a coactivator are explained as an example 1.

Example 1-SrAl 204 : To strontium-carbonate 146.1 g (0.99 mol) and alumina 102 g (one mol) of the composition and the property sample 1-(1) special grade chemical of Eu fluorescent substance, as an activator it is europium oxide (Eu 203) about a europium. 1.76g (0.005 mol) addition is carried out. Furthermore, it is boric acid as flux. After carrying out 5g (0.008 mol) addition and fully mixing using a ball mill, 1300 degrees C of this sample were calcinated for 1 hour using the electric furnace in the nitrogen-hydrogen mixed-gas (97:3) air current (flow rate: 0.1 liter per minute). It is what cooled over about 1 hour to the room temperature after that, classified the obtained compound fine particles with the screen, and passed 100 meshes Fluorescent substance sample 1-(1) It carried out.

[0010] The result of having analyzed the crystal structure of the compounded fluorescent substance by XRD (X diffraction) was shown in drawing 1. The fluorescent substance obtained from the property of a diffraction peak is SrAl 204. Having Spinel structure became whether to be ***. The excitation spectrum of this fluorescent substance and the emission spectrum of the afterglow after a stimulus halt were shown in drawing 2.

[0011] It became clear from drawing that it is green luminescence whose peak wavelength of an emission spectrum is about 520nm. Next, this SrAl 204 : The result of having measured the decay characteristic of Eu fluorescent substance with the commercial item as compared with the decay characteristic of the Zn:S:Cu phosphorescent materials (Nemoto & Co., Ltd.) make: a name of article GSS, emission-peak-wavelength:530nm which emit light green was shown in drawing 3 and Table 2.

[0012] Measurement of the decay characteristic is 200 by the Dafter keeping 0.05g of fluorescent substance powder to planchet made from aluminum with a bore of 8mm *** picking (sample thickness: 0.1 g/cm²) and about 15-hour in the dark and eliminating afterglow 65 standard light source. It stimulates for 10 minutes with the brightness of looks, and subsequent afterglow is measured with the brightness measuring device using the photomultiplier tube. SrAl 204 according to this invention so that clearly from drawing 3 : The attenuation of the afterglow of Eu fluorescent substance is also very greatly loose, and it turns out that an afterglow difference on the strength with Zn:S:Cu phosphorescent materials becomes large with elapsed time. Moreover, although the broken line showed the level (equivalent to the brightness of about 0.3 mCd/m²) of the luminescence reinforcement which can enough be recognized with the naked

[0018] Furthermore, SrAl 204 : From it being an oxide system, Eu fluorescent substance is chemically stable compared with the conventional sulfide system phosphorescent materials, and excellent in lightfastness (Table 24 and 25 reference).

[0019]

[Table 2]

試験番号	10 分鐘輝度	3D 分鐘輝度	100 分鐘輝度
Zn:Ca Std.	1. 00	1. 00	1. 00
例(1)-(1)	2. 90	6. 81	17. 0
(2)	0. 41	1. 20	3. 10
(3)	0. 58	1. 50	4. 80
(4)	2. 40	4. 50	13. 5
(5)	3. 01	7. 04	19. 2
(6)	1. 00	2. 70	10. 3
(7)	0. 32	1. 11	3. 02

[0020] Next, the phosphorescent materials at the time of using a dysprosium as a coactivator further are explained as an example 2, using a europium as an activator, using strontium as a metallic element (M).

Example 2-SrAl 204 : Eu, As an activator a europium by europium oxide (Eu 203) to strontium-carbonate 144.6 g (0.98 mol) and alumina 102 g (one mol) of the composition and the property sample 2-(1) special grade chemical of Dy fluorescent substance 1.76g (0.005 mol). Furthermore, 1.87g (0.005 mol) addition of the dysprosium is carried out with an oxidation dysprosium (Dy 203) as a coactivator. Furthermore, after doing 5 g (0.008 mol) addition of boric acid as flux and fully mixing using a ball mill, 1300 degrees C of this sample were calcinated for 1 hour using the electric furnace in the nitrogen-hydrogen mixed-gas (97:3) air current (flow rate: 0.11 liter per minute). It is what cooled over about 1 hour to the room temperature after that, classified the obtained compound fine particles with the screen, and passed 100 meshes Fluorescent substance sample 2-(1) It carried out.

[0021] It is the result of having investigated the decay characteristic of this fluorescent substance by the same approach as the above-mentioned Sample 2-(1) of drawing 5 and Table 4 It was shown. SrAl 204 according to this invention so that clearly from drawing 5 : Especially, the brightness at the time of the early stages of afterglow is very high as compared with Zn:S:Cu phosphorescent materials, and the fact are Eu, are [of Dy fluorescent substance / afterglow] brightness, and that the time constant of the attenuation is also large showed that they are epoch-making high brightness phosphorescent materials. The afterglow level on the strength which was shown all over drawing and which can be checked by looking, and this SrAl 204 : It is identifiable in that luminescence also after [of the decay characteristic of Eu and Dy fluorescent substance] about 18 hours.

[0022] SrAl 204 by this invention from a table although the afterglow reinforcement of after [a stimulus] 10 minutes, 30 minutes, and 100 minutes after is shown in Table 4 by the relative value to the reinforcement of Zn:S:Cu phosphorescent materials : The afterglow brightness of Eu and Dy fluorescent substance is 12.5 times the Zn:S:Cu phosphorescent materials after 10 minutes, and it turns out after 100 minutes that they are 37 times. SrAl 204 furthermore according to this invention : The result of having investigated the thermoluminescence property (glow curve) from the room temperature at the time of carrying out the luminous stimulus of Eu and the Dy fluorescent substance to 250 degrees C was shown in drawing 6 . Drawing 6 and drawing 4 show that the Maine glow peak temperature of thermoluminescence changed with operations of Dy added as a coactivator to 90 degrees C from 130 degrees C. Big luminescence from the trapping level equivalent to this temperature of 90 degrees C is SrAl 204 : As compared with Eu fluorescent substance, it is considered the cause which shows high brightness

at the time of those early stages of afterglow.

[0023] Sample 2-(2) - (7) SrAl 204 of a compounding ratio expressed in Table 3 to which the concentration of a dysprosium was changed by the approach as the above-mentioned that next it is the same : Eu and Dy fluorescent substance sample (sample 2-(2) - (7)) were adjusted.

[0024]

[Table 3]

試 料	組 合 比			
	Zn:Sr:Dy:Pta	78:17	39:62	52:27:14
試料 2 - (1)	0.0055	1.1	0.005	0.00015
(2)	0.105	1.0	0.005	0.00005
(3)	0.185	1.0	0.005	0.00015
(4)	0.34	1.0	0.005	0.025
(5)	0.64	1.0	0.005	0.025
(6)	0.92	1.0	0.005	0.035
(7)	0.19	1.0	0.005	0.10

[0025] This sample 2-(2) - (7) it is the result of having investigated the decay characteristic 2-(1) With the result of having investigated the decay characteristic, it was shown in Table 4. From this table 4, when the addition of Dy as a coactivator is based on excellency including after 10 minutes brightness farther than Zn:Sr phosphorescent materials, it is understood that 0.0025-0.05 mols are the optimal. Since it comes to have larger brightness than Zn:Sr phosphorescent materials when 30 minutes or more pass after a stimulus halt even if it is the case where the addition of Dy is merely 0.00001 mols, the addition effectiveness of Eu and Dy which were used as an activator and a coactivator is clear. Moreover, since Dy is expensive, when the fall of economical efficiency and the decay characteristic by concentration quenching is taken into consideration, there will be no semantics in carrying out Dy more than 0.1 mol (ten-mol %) not much.

[0026] In addition, SrAl 204 : From it being an oxide system, Eu and Dy fluorescent substance are chemically stable compared with the conventional sulfide system phosphorescent materials, and excellent in lightfastness (Table 24 and 25 reference).

[0027]

[Table 4]

試 料	10 分後輝度	30 分後輝度	100 分後輝度
Zn:Sr Std.	1. 00	1. 00	1. 00
試料 2 - (1)	1.2. 5	1.9. 6	3.7. 0
(2)	0. 943	1. 57	2. 00
(3)	1. 5	1. 7	2. 1
(4)	1. 1. 7	1. 7. 3	2. 2. 1
(5)	2. 0. 4	2. 8. 6	4. 0. 2
(6)	1. 8. 6	2. 6. 3	3. 6. 4
(7)	1. 9. 5	2. 6. 6	3. 3. 0

[0028] Next, the phosphorescent materials at the time of using neodium as a coactivator further are explained as an example 3, using a europium as an activator, using strontium as a metallic element (M).

Example 3.SrAl 204 : Composition and property sample 3-(1) of Eu and Nd fluorescent substance SrAl 204 of the compounding ratio shown in Table 5 to which the concentration of neodium was changed by the same approach as - (7) above-mentioned : Eu and Nd system

example 4 as a coactivator, using a europium as an activator, using strontium as a metallic element (M).

[0035] Moreover, about an activator and each coactivator, from the example at the time of using europium and neodium, or a dysprosium, when about 0.005 mols add respectively to a metallic element (M), it takes that high afterglow brightness is obtained into consideration here, and it is Eu concentration 0.5 of an activator, Mols(0.005 mols) and concentration 0.5 of a coactivator it illustrated only about the sample of mol % (0.005 mols).

Example 4.SrAl 204 : The result of having investigated the decay characteristic about the fluorescent substance sample which added a lanthanum, a cerium, a praseodymium, samarium, a gadolinium, a terbium, a holmium, an erbium, a thulium, an ytterbium, a lutetium, manganese, tin, and a bismuth as a coactivator by the approach of effectiveness previous statement of the coactivator of others in Eu system fluorescent substance was shown in Table 7.

[0036] It compares with the decay characteristic of the commercial Zn:Sr fluorescent substance used as a criterion so that clearly from that table 7, and in which SrAl 204 : Since the decay characteristic of Eu system fluorescent substance sample will improve if it goes through the long duration for after [a stimulus halt] 30 minutes thru/or, and 100 minutes or more, it turns out that it is in practical use level enough. In addition, SrAl 204 : From it being an oxide system, Eu system fluorescent substance is chemically stable compared with the conventional sulfide system phosphorescent materials, and excellent in lightfastness (Table 24 and 25 reference).

[0037]

[Table 7]

試 料	10 分後輝度	30 分後輝度	100 分後輝度
Zn:Sr Std.	1. 00	1. 00	1. 00
SrAl:Eu,Ln	0. 3. 3	0. 7. 4	1. 1. 4
SrAl:Eu,Dy	0. 4. 6	0. 9. 3	1. 3. 5
SrAl:Eu,Pr	1. 2. 4	2. 6. 3	7. 5. 1
SrAl:Eu,Sm	3. 4. 0	4. 8. 2	9. 0
SrAl:Eu,Gd	0. 5. 1	1. 3. 0	2. 2. 7
SrAl:Eu,Tb	1. 4. 6	2. 8. 1	7. 5. 4
SrAl:Eu,Ba	1. 0. 6	2. 0. 9	6. 2. 9
SrAl:Eu,Er	0. 6. 3	1. 4. 3	3. 1. 8
SrAl:Eu,Er,Tb	0. 8. 1	1. 5. 3	3. 2. 8
SrAl:Eu,Er,Tb	0. 6. 1	1. 2. 8	2. 9. 8
SrAl:Eu,Ln	0. 4. 9	1. 0. 1	3. 4. 0
SrAl:Eu,Nd	0. 8. 1	1. 8. 6	5. 5. 7
SrAl:Eu,Sm	1. 9. 3	3. 0. 1	7. 9. 2
SrAl:Eu,Bi	0. 7. 2	1. 7. 7	5. 5. 5

[0038] Next, although a europium is used as an activator, using calcium as a metallic element (M) Calcium is used as the phosphorescent materials when not using a coactivator, and a metallic element. A europium is used as an activator. As a coactivator A lanthanum, a cerium, the case where at least one element of a group which consists of a praseodymium, neodium, samarium, a gadolinium, a terbium, a dysprosium, a holmium, an erbium, a thulium, an ytterbium, a lutetium, manganese, tin, and bismuths is used is explained as an example 5.

Example 5.CaAl 204 : Only what added the europium to composition and the calcium carbonate of a property special grade chemical of Eu system phosphorescent materials, and the alumina as

fluorescent substance sample (sample 3-(1) - (7)) were adjusted.

[0029]

[Table 5]

試 料	組 合 比			
	Zn:Sr:Dy:Pta	TaTa	LaEu	AlEu
試料 3 - (1)	0.03955	1.0	0.005	1.0
(2)	0.5399	1.0	0.005	0.300010
(3)	0.945	1.0	0.005	0.3025
(4)	0.839	1.0	0.005	0.303
(5)	0.94	1.0	0.005	0.823
(6)	0.92	1.0	0.005	0.833
(7)	0.79	1.0	0.005	0.10

[0030] These sample 3-(1) - (7) The result of having investigated the decay characteristic was shown in Table 8.

[0031]

[Table 6]

試 料	10 分後輝度	30 分後輝度	100 分後輝度
Zn:Sr Std.	1. 00	1. 00	1. 00
試料 3 - (1)	0. 71	0. 91	1. 12
(2)	0. 73	1. 02	1. 25
(3)	6. 20	8. 50	11. 14
(4)	9. 05	11. 75	14. 29
(5)	8. 01	11. 55	13. 98
(6)	8. 50	10. 21	11. 96
(7)	2. 35	2. 64	2. 86

[0032] This table 6 shows excellency Zn:Sr phosphorescent materials in the decay characteristic including the brightness of 10 minutes after as it is the range whose addition of Nd as a coactivator is 0.0025-0.10 mols. Since it comes to have larger brightness than Zn:Sr phosphorescent materials when about 60 minutes pass after a stimulus halt even if it is the case where the addition of Nd is merely 0.00001 mols, the addition effectiveness of Eu and Nd which were used as an activator and a coactivator is clear. Moreover, since Nd is expensive, when the fall of economical efficiency and the decay characteristic by concentration quenching is taken into consideration, there will be no semantics in carrying out Nd more than 0.1 mol (ten-mol %) not much.

[0033] In addition, SrAl 204 : From it being an oxide system, Eu and Nd fluorescent substance are chemically stable compared with the conventional sulfide system phosphorescent materials, and excellent in lightfastness (Table 24 and 25 reference). SrAl 204 furthermore according to this invention : the thermoluminescence property (glow curve) from the room temperature at the time of carrying out the luminous stimulus of Eu and the Nd fluorescent substance to 250 degrees C — sample 3- (4) ***** — the investigated result was shown in drawing 7. It turns out that the Maine glow peak temperature of the thermoluminescence of the fluorescent substance which added Nd as a coactivator from drawing is about 50 degrees C.

[0034] Next, the phosphorescent materials at the time of using either of the elements of a lanthanum, a cerium, a praseodymium, samarium, a gadolinium, a terbium, a holmium, an erbium, a thulium, an ytterbium, a lutetium, manganese, tin, and a bismuth are further explained as an

europium oxide (Eu 203) as an activator. To this, as a coactivator A lanthanum, a cerium, a praseodymium, neodium. As opposed to what added either of the elements of samarium, a gadolinium, a terbium, a dysprosium, a holmium, an erbium, a thulium, an ytterbium, a lutetium, manganese, tin, and a bismuth with the oxide, respectively Furthermore Furthermore, it is boric acid as flux. After carrying out 5g (0.08 mols) addition and fully mixing using a ball mill, 1300 degrees C of this sample were calculated for 1 hour using the electric furnace in the nitrogen-hydrogen mixed gas (97:3) air current (flow rate: 0.11 per minute). It is what cooled over about 1 hour to the room temperature after that, classified the obtained compound fine particles with the screen, and passed 100 mesh. Fluorescent substance sample 5-(1) it considered as - (42).

[0035] In addition, sample 5-(2) obtained here The result of XRD analysis was shown in drawing 8 . Drawing to this fluorescent substance is CaAl 204 of monoclinic system. Consisting of a crystal became clear next, sample 5- which used neodium, samarium, a dysprosium, and thorium for the coactivator as an example of representation — (10) and 5- (16) and 5- the result of having investigated the thermoluminescence property (glow curve) was shown drawing 9 and drawing 10 about (22) and 5-(28). Since all have a glow peak in a pyrolysis 50 degrees C or more, it is suggested that these fluorescent substances have the long decay characteristic. When the emission spectrum of the afterglow was furthermore measured about the sample, as drawing 11 showed, any fluorescent substance of the emission peak wavelength was about 442nm blue luminescence.

[0040] Then, the result of having conducted comparison investigation of each decay characteristic relatively by making into a criterion CsSr:Bi (trade-name BA-S: luminescence wavelength of 454nm by Nemoto& Co., Ltd.) of the phosphorescent materials of blue luminescence marketed from the former was shown in Table 8 thru/or 13. From Table 8 to CaAl 204 : Even if sensitization was carried out greatly and it used which coactivator by adding a coactivator about Eu fluorescent substance as there were some from which near brightness is obtained almost on a par with a commercial reference standard after 100 minutes and it was further shown in Table 9 thru/or 13 although the brightness at the time of the early stages of afterglow was low when Eu was 0.005 mols (0.5-mol %), the fluorescent substance with high enough practicality was able to be obtained []. It is in ** that the phosphorescent materials of blue luminescence of super-high brightness with it are obtained, and it can be called an epoch-making fluorescent substance [about Nd, Sm, and especially Tm] [the very large addition effectiveness and] brighter single or more figures than a commercial item] The result of having investigated the decay characteristic covering the long time of the high brightness fluorescent substance obtained by coactivating this Nd, Sm, and Tm to drawing 12 was shown.

[0041] In addition, it is 5-(1) as phosphorescent materials when not using a coactivator, although a europium is used for a detail as an activator, using calcium as a metallic element (M). - (6) The decay characteristic of the shown phosphorescent materials was shown in Table 8.

[0042]

[Table 8]

試 料	10 分後輝度	30 分後輝度	100 分後輝度
Std. CaSr:Bi	1. 00	1. 00	1. 00
5-(1) CaAl:Eu (Eu: 0.021mol)	0. 18	0. 16	0. 14
(2) CaAl:Eu (Eu: 0.31mol)	0. 21	0. 18	0. 17
(3) CaAl:Eu (Eu: 0.1mol)	0. 25	0. 27	0. 35
(4) CaAl:Eu (Eu: 0.5mol)	0. 41	0. 60	0. 60
(5) CaAl:Eu (Eu: 2.5mol)	0. 37	0. 45	0. 65
(6) CaAl:Eu (Eu: 10mol)	0. 25	0. 28	0. 39

[0043] Moreover, it is 5-(7) as phosphorescent materials at the time of using neodium as a coactivator, using a europium as an activator, using calcium as a metallic element (M). The decay characteristic of the phosphorescent materials shown in - (12) was shown in Table 9.

[0044]

[Table 9]

M		10 分後輝度	30 分後輝度	100 分後輝度
Std.	CaEr:Eu:Bi	1.00	1.00	1.00
(1)	CaAl _{0.5} :Eu:Nd	0.53	0.76	1.01
(2)	CaAl _{0.5} :Eu:Nd (Eu:0.5mol Nd:0.5mol)	1.05	1.83	2.60
(3)	CaAl _{0.5} :Eu:Nd (Eu:0.5mol Nd:0.5mol)	0.68	1.18	2.03
(4)	CaAl _{0.5} :Eu:Nd (Eu:0.5mol Nd:1 mol)	0.87	1.40	2.00
(5)	CaAl _{0.5} :Eu:Nd (Eu:0.5mol Nd:1.5 mol)	3.18	4.61	6.05
(6)	CaAl _{0.5} :Eu:Nd (Eu:0.5mol Nd:2 mol)	0.84	1.18	2.02

[0045] Furthermore, the decay characteristic of the phosphorescent materials shown in 5-(13) - (18) was shown in Table 10 as phosphorescent materials at the time of using samarium as a coactivator, using a europium as an activator, using calcium as a metallic element (M).

[0046]

[Table 10]

M		10 分後輝度	30 分後輝度	100 分後輝度
Std.	CaEr:Eu:Sm	1.00	1.00	1.00
(1)	CaAl _{0.5} :Eu:Sm	0.71	0.98	1.23
(2)	CaAl _{0.5} :Eu:Sm (Eu:0.5mol Sm:0.5mol)	0.94	1.43	2.55
(3)	CaAl _{0.5} :Eu:Sm (Eu:0.5mol Sm:0.5mol)	4.21	8.32	11.30
(4)	CaAl _{0.5} :Eu:Sm (Eu:0.5mol Sm:0.5mol)	4.81	7.00	12.5
(5)	CaAl _{0.5} :Eu:Sm (Eu:0.5mol Sm:1.5 mol)	2.14	3.25	5.80
(6)	CaAl _{0.5} :Eu:Sm (Eu:0.5mol Sm:2 mol)	0.83	0.98	1.71

[0047] Moreover, the decay characteristic of the phosphorescent materials shown in 5-(19) - (24) was shown in Table 11 as phosphorescent materials at the time of using a dysprosium as a coactivator, using a europium as an activator, using calcium as a metallic element (M).

[0048]

[Table 11]

[0049] Moreover, the decay characteristic of the phosphorescent materials shown in 5-(25) - (30) was shown in Table 12 as phosphorescent materials at the time of using a thulium as a coactivator, using a europium as an activator, using calcium as a metallic element (M).

[0050]

[Table 12]

M		10 分後輝度	30 分後輝度	100 分後輝度
Std.	CaEr:Eu:Tb	1.0	1.0	1.0
(1)	CaAl _{0.5} :Eu:Tb	1.04	1.36	1.81
(2)	CaAl _{0.5} :Eu:Tb (Eu:0.5mol Tb:0.5mol)	2.09	2.65	3.75
(3)	CaAl _{0.5} :Eu:Tb (Eu:0.5mol Tb:1 mol)	4.89	8.78	8.70
(4)	CaAl _{0.5} :Eu:Tb (Eu:0.5mol Tb:1.5 mol)	6.55	9.04	18.8
(5)	CaAl _{0.5} :Eu:Tb (Eu:0.5mol Tb:2 mol)	0.634	1.19	2.68
(6)	CaAl _{0.5} :Eu:Tb (Eu:0.5mol Tb:10 mol)	0.181	0.388	0.755

[0051] In addition, the decay characteristic of the phosphorescent materials shown in 5-(31) - (42) was summarized as phosphorescent materials at the time of using either of the elements of a lanthanum, a cerium, a praseodymium, a gadolinium, a terbium, a holmium, an erbium, an ytterbium, a lutetium, manganese, tin, and a bismuth as a coactivator, using a europium as an activator, using calcium as a metallic element (M), and it was shown in Table 13.

[0052] In addition, at the phosphorescent materials shown in this 5-(31) - (42), both the europium and other coactivators as an activator are 0.5. It adds mol % every.

[0053]

[Table 13]

[0054]

M		10 分後輝度	30 分後輝度	100 分後輝度
Std.	CaEr:Eu:Sm	1.00	1.00	1.00
(1)	CaAl _{0.5} :Eu:La	0.52	0.87	0.81
(2)	CaAl _{0.5} :Eu:Ce	0.84	1.23	1.98
(3)	CaAl _{0.5} :Eu:Pr	0.58	0.82	1.13
(4)	CaAl _{0.5} :Eu:Gd	0.66	0.91	1.28
(5)	CaAl _{0.5} :Eu:Tb	0.84	1.31	2.08
(6)	CaAl _{0.5} :Eu:Ho	0.92	1.33	2.39
(7)	CaAl _{0.5} :Eu:Pr	0.58	0.76	0.95
(8)	CaAl _{0.5} :Eu:Tb	0.70	0.91	1.28
(9)	CaAl _{0.5} :Eu:Lut	0.68	0.90	1.24
(10)	CaAl _{0.5} :Eu:W	0.31	0.42	0.58
(11)	CaAl _{0.5} :Eu:Sm	0.45	0.58	0.73
(12)	CaAl _{0.5} :Eu:Bi	0.25	0.33	0.48

M		10 分後輝度	30 分後輝度	100 分後輝度
Std.	CaEr:Eu:Tb	1.0	1.0	1.0
(1)	CaAl _{0.5} :Eu:Nd	8.87	14.0	25.0
(2)	CaAl _{0.5} :Eu:Nd:La	20.6	23.2	29.5
(3)	CaAl _{0.5} :Eu:Nd:Ce	12.7	17.6	26.9
(4)	CaAl _{0.5} :Eu:Nd:Pr	13.3	19.1	27.7
(5)	CaAl _{0.5} :Eu:Nd:Sm	8.20	12.6	22.6
(6)	CaAl _{0.5} :Eu:Nd:Gd	16.7	21.3	33.5
(7)	CaAl _{0.5} :Eu:Nd:Y	14.8	18.9	30.8
(8)	CaAl _{0.5} :Eu:Nd:Ho	15.5	21.6	34.3
(9)	CaAl _{0.5} :Eu:Nd:Er	15.9	21.0	33.8
(10)	CaAl _{0.5} :Eu:Nd:Tb	4.17	6.69	13.4
(11)	CaAl _{0.5} :Eu:Nd:Th	11.0	16.9	27.9
(12)	CaAl _{0.5} :Eu:Nd:Lu	10.2	15.2	25.2
(13)	CaAl _{0.5} :Eu:Nd:Sn	6.45	8.01	11.9
(14)	CaAl _{0.5} :Eu:Nd:Bi	11.4	14.1	21.2
(15)	CaAl _{0.5} :Eu:Nd:Bi	0.5	1.5	2.4

[0055] Next, although neodium is used as a coactivator, using a europium as an activator, using calcium as a metallic element (M), the case where other coactivators are added is explained to coincidence as an example 8.

Example 8:CaAl 204 : A europium is added to composition and the calcium carbonate of a property special grade chemical of Eu and Nd system phosphorescent materials, and an alumina as europium oxide (Eu 203) as an activator. As the thing which added neodium to this as a coactivator, and a coactivator of further others Lanthanums other than neodium, a cerium, a praseodymium, samarium. Either of the elements of a gadolinium, a terbium, a dysprosium, a holmium, an erbium, an ytterbium, an yttrium, a hafnium, manganese, tin, and a bismuth to what was added with the oxide, respectively. It is boric acid as flux. After carrying out 5g (0.08 mol) addition and fully mixing using a ball mill, 1300 degrees C of this sample were calculated for 1 hour using the electric furnace in the nitrogen-hydrogen mixed-gas (97:3) air current (flow rate: 0.1L per minute). It is cooled over about 1 hour to the room temperature after that, classified the obtained compound fine particles with the screen, and passed 100 meshes.

Fluorescent substance sample 8-(1) It considered as - (43).

[0056] here — first — Eu:0.5 Mol% and Nd:0.5 Mol% and other coactivator:0.5 as mol% — various fluorescent substance samples — adjusting — after [10 minutes] brightness, after [30 minutes] brightness, and 100 a part — back — brightness — it measured. It is the result 8-(1) As - (15), it is shown in Table 14.

[0057]

[Table 14]

[0058]

[0059]

[0060]

試験	10 分間	30 分間	1時間
Std. CaSr:Bi	1. 0	1. 0	1. 0
CaAl:Eu:Dy	9. 87	14. 0	25. 0
(1) (Ca + Sr.)Al:Eu:Dy:Na:La	15. 2	17. 1	19. 0
(2) (Ca + Sr.)Al:Eu:Dy:Na:La	5. 53	4. 86	3. 35
(3) (Ca + Sr.)Al:Eu:Dy:Na:La	6. 30	3. 08	SEEKUR

[0081] moreover, the strontium carbonate and calcium carbonate of a special grade chemical — respectively — a ratio — changing — preparing — the sample — an alumina — adding — further — as an activator — europium 0.5 mol % — as a coactivator — neodium 0.5 mol % — adding — as the coactivator of further others — a dysprosium — 0.5-mol % — what was added — 11—(4)—(6) ** — it carries out and is shown in Table 22.

[0082]

[Table 22]

試験	10 分間	30 分間	1時間
Std. CaSr:Bi	1. 0	1. 0	1. 0
CaAl:Eu:Dy	9. 87	14. 0	25. 0
(1) (Ca + Sr.)Al:Eu:Dy:Na:La	15. 2	14. 8	20. 4
(2) (Ca + Sr.)Al:Eu:Dy:Na:La	8. 00	7. 46	9. 05
(3) (Ca + Sr.)Al:Eu:Dy:Na:La	5. 36	3. 08	SEEKUR

[0083] moreover, the strontium carbonate and calcium carbonate of a special grade chemical — respectively — a ratio — changing — preparing — the sample — an alumina — adding — further — as an activator — europium 0.5 mol % — as a coactivator — neodium 0.5 mol % — adding — as the coactivator of further others — a holmium — 0.5-mol % — what was added — 11—(7)—(9) ** — it carries out and is shown in Table 23.

[0084]

[Table 23]

試験	10 分間	30 分間	1時間
Std. CaSr:Bi	1. 0	1. 0	1. 0
CaAl:Eu:Dy	9. 87	14. 0	25. 0
(1) (Ca + Sr.)Al:Eu:Dy:Na:La	15. 9	15. 3	21. 4
(2) (Ca + Sr.)Al:Eu:Dy:Na:La	8. 25	7. 81	9. 95
(3) (Ca + Sr.)Al:Eu:Dy:Na:La	2. 91	2. 62	3. 65

[0085] Even if it was the case where added the europium as an activator and a metallic element (M) added two or more coactivators from these measurement results using two or more metallic elements (M) which consist of calcium and strontium, it has checked excellingly compared with CaSr:Bi including after [10 minutes] brightness.

The result of having investigated the resistance to humidity of the phosphorescent materials obtained by example 12, resistance-to-humidity trial this invention was shown in Table 24.

[0086] the constant temperature which carried out gas conditioning of two or more fluorescent substance samples to RH 40 degrees C and 95% in this investigation — it was left in the constant humidity chamber for 500 hours, and the brightness change before and behind that was measured. To humidity, neither of the fluorescent substances of the presentations is almost influenced, but a table shows that they is stable.

[0087]

[Table 24]

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試験	試験回	試験回
CaAl:Eu:Dy (Eu:0.5Eu: Dy:0.5Eu)	1. 0	1. 01
CaAl:Eu:Dy (Eu:0.5Eu: Nd:0.5Eu)	1. 0	0. 99
Sr + Ca + Al:Eu:Dy (Eu:0.5Eu: Dy:0.5Eu)	1. 0	1. 00
Sr + Eu + Al:Eu:Dy (Eu:0.5Eu: Dy:0.5Eu)	1. 0	0. 99
Sr + Eu + Al:Eu:Dy (Eu:0.5Eu: Dy:0.5Eu)	1. 0	1. 02

[0088] The result of having performed the radiation-proofing test of the phosphorescent materials obtained by example 13, lightfastness test—result this invention was shown in Table 25 as compared with the result of a zinc sulfide system fluorescent substance. This trial was put in according to JIS in the transperence container which carried out gas conditioning of the sample to saturated humidity, and measured Mitsuteru putting and a subsequent brightness change under the mercury-vapor lamp of 300W in the location of 30cm for 3 hours, 6 hours, and 12 hours.

[0089] A table shows that it is very stable as compared with the conventional zinc sulfide system fluorescent substance.

[0090]

[Table 25]

試験	1時間	3時間	6時間	12時間
Std . ZnS : Cu	1. 0	0. 91	0. 82	0. 52
SrNi:Eu:Dy (Eu:0.5Eu: Dy:0.5Eu)	1. 0	1. 01	1. 00	1. 01
CaAl:Eu:Dy (Eu:0.5Eu: Nd:0.5Eu)	1. 0	1. 00	1. 01	1. 00
Sr + Ca + Al:Eu:Dy (Eu:0.5Eu: Dy:0.5Eu)	1. 0	1. 00	0. 99	1. 00
Sr + Eu + Al:Eu:Dy (Eu:0.5Eu: Dy:0.5Eu)	1. 0	1. 01	1. 01	1. 01
Sr + Eu + Al:Eu:Dy (Eu:0.5Eu: Dy:0.5Eu)	1. 0	1. 00	1. 00	0. 99

[0091] Although the phosphorescent materials by such this invention can also be used being able to apply to the front face of various products, they can also be used being able to mix in plastics, rubber, or glass. Furthermore, if it uses for the application of the dial face of ** replaced with the sulfide system phosphorescent materials currently used from the former, for example, various instruments, and a night train clock, a safety panel, etc., it will become what was extremely excellent from the prolonged high brightness decay characteristic.

[0092] Moreover, in addition to having the extremely excellent high brightness length decay characteristic, this fluorescent substance is chemically stable from being an oxide system, and, in addition to the conventional application, can newly consider the following applications from the point of excellency in lightfastness.

The display of a vehicle : An airplane, a ship, an automobile, a bicycle, a key, or the display road traffic indicator of a keyhole indicator, Annunciators, such as a lane display, a display in a guard rail, a buoy for fishings, and a mountain path. The annunciator from a gate to the door, the display of the display outdoors to a helmet : The display of a signboard, a building, etc., keyhole

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display indoor display [of an automobile] : — switch stationery [of an electric appliance] : — a writing implement, noctilucent ink, a map, and an astronomical-tables toy:jigsaw puzzle — substitution [0093] of the isotope used for the special back light discharge tube for the ball (it uses for clock etc.) liquid crystal for use:spors

[Effect of the Invention] As explained above, even if it compares with a commercial sulfide system fluorescent substance the sulfide system fluorescent substance known from the former about a completely different new phosphorescent-materials ingredient, it has long duration and the decay characteristic of high brightness far, and this invention's is chemically stable from being an oxide system further, and it is excellent in lightfastness.

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DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

[Brief Description of the Drawings]

- [Drawing_1] SrAl 204 : It is the graph which showed the result of having analyzed the crystal structure of Eu fluorescent substance by XRD.
 [Drawing_2] SrAl 204 : It is the graph which showed the emission spectrum after the excitation spectrum of Eu fluorescent substance and 30 minutes after a stimulus half pass.
 [Drawing_3] SrAl 204 : It is the graph which showed the result of having compared the decay characteristic of Eu fluorescent substance with the decay characteristic of a Zn:S fluorescent substance.
 [Drawing_4] SrAl 204 : It is the graph which showed the thermoluminescence property of Eu fluorescent substance.
 [Drawing_5] SrAl 204 : It is the graph which showed the result of having compared the decay characteristic of Eu and Dy fluorescent substance with the decay characteristic of a Zn:S fluorescent substance.
 [Drawing_6] SrAl 204 : It is the graph which showed the thermoluminescence property of Eu and Dy fluorescent substance.
 [Drawing_7] SrAl 204 : It is the graph which showed the thermoluminescence property of Eu and Nd fluorescent substance.
 [Drawing_8] CaAl 204 : It is the graph which showed the result of having analyzed the crystal structure of Eu system fluorescent substance by XRD.
 [Drawing_9] CaAl 204 : It is the graph which showed the thermoluminescence property of the fluorescent substance using neodium or samarium as a coactivator among Eu system fluorescent substances.
 [Drawing_10] CaAl 204 : It is the graph which showed the thermoluminescence property of the fluorescent substance using a dysprosium or thorium as a coactivator among Eu system fluorescent substances.
 [Drawing_11] CaAl 204 : It is the graph which showed the emission spectrum after 5 minutes after a stimulus half of Eu system fluorescent substance pass.
 [Drawing_12] CaAl 204 : Eu, Sr fluorescent substance, and CaAl 204 : It is the graph which showed the result of having compared the decay characteristic of Eu and Nd fluorescent substance with the decay characteristic of a Zn:S fluorescent substance.
 [Drawing_13] BaAl 204 : It is the graph which showed the emission spectrum after the excitation spectrum of Eu and Nd fluorescent substance and 30 minutes after a stimulus half pass.
 [Drawing_14] BaAl 204 : It is the graph which showed the emission spectrum after the excitation spectrum of Eu and Sr fluorescent substance and 30 minutes after a stimulus half pass.
 [Drawing_15] Sr0.5 calcium0.5 aluminum 204 : It is the graph which showed the emission spectrum of Eu and Dy fluorescent substance.
 [Drawing_16] Sr_x calcium_{1-x} aluminum 204 : It is a graph [the decay characteristic of a Zn:S fluorescent substance and a Ca_xS_{1-x}Bi fluorescent substance / decay characteristic / of Eu and Dy fluorescent substance].
 [Drawing_17] Sr_x Ba_{1-x} aluminum 204 : It is a graph [the decay characteristic of a Zn:S fluorescent substance / decay characteristic / of Eu and Dy fluorescent substance].

[Drawing_18] Sr_x Mg_{1-x} aluminum 204 : It is a graph [the decay characteristic of a Zn:S fluorescent substance / decay characteristic / of Eu and Dy fluorescent substance].

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